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### WING COMMANDER SET TO MEET TROOPS

Col. Robert Worley II, 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing commander, has scheduled his first commander's call for June 21 in Minuteman Theater. Scheduled times are 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m.

### BASE BEACH WATER NOW SAFE TO ENTER

Vandenberg's beach water is once again safe to enter.

Santa Barbara county officials last week placed the base beaches under warning status after testing showed bacteria counts higher than state standards allow.

### WING HOLDS DINNER FOR COMMAND CHIEF

30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Paul Krim's retirement dinner has been scheduled for June 27 in the Pacific Coast Club Ballroom. A social hour is scheduled for 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. To make reservations, call the commander's support staff at 606-3711 by June 21. Dress for the evening is Texas casual. Cost is \$16 for club members \$19 for non members. Indicate desire to make a presentation at the time of reservation.

### WING COMMAND CHIEF RETIRES JUNE 28

30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Paul Krim's retirement ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m., June 28 at the base flag pole in front of the 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Headquarters building. Dress for the event is duty uniform. A reception will follow at the Pacific Coast Club.

### MED GROUP CLOSSES WEDNESDAY

The 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Group will be closed, including the pharmacy, today at noon for official functions. There will also be minimal staffing Wednesday from 8 a.m. to noon for the 30<sup>th</sup>

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## 30<sup>th</sup> Weather Squadron's weekend forecast

Today



Low/High  
**41/65**

Saturday



Low/High  
**42/65**

Sunday



Low/High  
**45/65**

Visit the 30<sup>th</sup> Weather Squadron's website at [www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather\\_index.html](http://www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather_index.html) to get a five-day forecast.



Vandenberg firefighters enter building 8317 to extinguish a fire during a scenerio for the Foggy Shores exercise Monday.

## Foggy Shores 01-06 exercise tests base

By MASTER SGT. LLOYD CONLEY  
30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Team Vandenberg went through the paces to keep its warfighting skills and emergency response capabilities sharp in this week's Foggy Shores exercise.

The quarterly exercise addressed several different scenarios including bomb threats, deployment processing and setting up a bare base at the North Star training camp on north Vandenberg, said Staff Sgt. Bruce Campbell, 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing anti-terrorism and force protection NCO.

"The deployment portion of the exercise was developed to test the wing's ability to move personnel and equipment from Vandenberg to a forward operating location," said Master Sgt. Joseph Otero, 30<sup>th</sup> SW superintendent of logistics plans. The North Star portion of the exercise simulates that location.

The primary purpose of Foggy

Shores exercises are to exercise and evaluate the coordinated response of base units to emergencies like natural disasters and terrorist acts. Foggy Shores 01-06 involved the entire 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing and associate units in large and small scale scenarios, said Edward Rambus, 30<sup>th</sup> SW Inspector General chief of exercises and evaluations.

Rambus said the objective of many of the scenarios was to help base leadership make sure Team Vandenberg was ready to handle any type of emergency, either natural or man-made.

"It also helps to ensure our operations are in line with established procedures," he said.

"Although not the primary reason we exercise, the Foggy Shores exercise provides large-scale training opportunities that Team Vandenberg benefits from in preparation for the next Operational Readiness Inspection," Rambus added.

The ORI is scheduled for this fall.



Col. Robert Worley II, 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing commander, watches Team Vandenberg members treat an injured victim at North Star on north Vandenberg during the Foggy Shores exercise Wednesday. The exercise addressed scenarios such as bomb threats and deployment processing.

## Team Vandenberg receives award

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■ Air Force Space Command issued Special Order GA-23, dated May 30, 2001, to award the 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for meritorious achievement.

The award period is from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2000.

During that period, the wing successfully launched 17 missions using nine different spacelift and ballistic missile systems.

The launches proved the flight worthiness of the nation's alert ICBM fleet and precisely placed 14 satellites worth \$2.5 billion into orbit.

Additionally, the wing planned and implemented AFSPC's premier space and missile competition Guardian Challenge 2000 and won recognition for "Best Spacelift Operations."

Active-duty wing staff, operations, logistics, medical and support group members who were assigned to Vandenberg during the award period are authorized to wear the AFOUA ribbon.

The Military Personnel Flight will update the records for people currently assigned here.



AFOUA ribbon

## AAFES gas pumps closed

By MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER  
30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Team Vandenberg is feeling another pinch at the pumps and this time it's not just because of rising gas costs.

"The base gas station is closed until further notice," said Steve Reisbeck, Army and Air Force Exchange Service general manager. Base and county officials closed the station June 7 when they determined the fuel system needed some hardware improvements.

The underground piping that carries fuel from four double-walled fuel tanks to the issue pumps will be replaced, said Duane Wolfe, 30<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron chief of environmental compliance. Officials anticipate the project will cost about \$100,000.

"The money is available and the contractor has been selected," he said.

"The pumps will be closed for six weeks," Wolfe said. However, if complications arise they could possibly be closed for as long as 12 weeks.

The closure has created an inconvenience for the many people who live and work on the base. The temporary loss of service means patrons will



The AAFES gas station pumps are closed until further notice while upgrades are made to the system.

have to alter their fuel buying habits by filling their tanks while they're in local communities.

Reisbeck said the situation has him looking to the future.

"We have a new service station sited for construction later next year," he said. The new station will be located between the 30<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron and the commissary on Utah Avenue.

In the meantime, Reisbeck added, all other gas station services will remain open for business. These include tire mounting, rotations and retail sales of car-care supplies.

■ The annual payroll U.S. Savings bond campaign started June 1.

Members can learn more about U.S. Saving Bonds on the U.S. Department of Treasury website at [www.savings](http://www.savings)

[bonds.gov](http://bonds.gov).

To sign up for a bond, call Maj. John Riggins, U.S. Savings Bonds installation project officer, at 606-9750 or talk to a unit representative.







# Commander's Action Line

Mission success is our top priority, and the talented men and women of Team Vandenberg get it done with excellence. Key to the effectiveness of any great team is good communication. The 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct communication link to me. It provides an avenue for you to voice your concerns, share constructive ideas or give your Vandenberg teammates a pat on the back. I appreciate your input, and I am personally involved in every response.

While the commander's action line is a great way to communicate, don't forget there are many other avenues to get answers to your questions. That includes your chain of command, first sergeants, base services officials, and many other base professionals.

Thanks for helping to make Vandenberg such a great place to work and live. When calling the action line, please leave your name and phone number.

Call the action line at:

**606-7850** or e-mail: **actionline@vandenberg.af.mil**

**Handy phone numbers**

EMERGENCY.....911	Housing maintenance.....734-5586
Information.....411	Child Development Center..606-1555
Poison control.....800-876-4766	MPF customer service.....606-7756
Clinic appointments.....606-4077	Visitor control center.....606-7662
Healthwise line.....888-252-3299	Fitness center.....606-3832
TRICARE services.....800-242-6788	Chaplain (after hours).....606-9961
Law enforcement.....606-3300	Red Cross (duty hours) .....606-1855

# Crisis teaches family about TRICARE

By COL. BOYCE BURLEY III  
Chief, AFSPC Mission Teams

It was Christmas Day last year and our family was skiing at a resort in Colorado. It was a wonderful family outing in a perfect setting. Then my 21-year-old son fell on the slope, hit a tree and our family's life turned upside down. My son had a head injury that required brain surgery and a month's hospital stay. He is expected to fully recover but it's a long road until that day. It's a happy ending but it could have been a personal financial disaster as well as a medical ordeal. That's when my other family came in to help – my Air Force family. We take this family for granted and become used to the benefits we receive – paychecks, 30 days of leave a year and medical benefits. We just assume that the Air Force family will be there as a safety net in case anything goes wrong in our lives. That's what I did. However, working with our medical and personnel people after the accident, we found out there are rules with TRICARE that, if ignored, could prove disastrous for a family in a similar situation. For example, TRICARE eligibility rules are

especially critical for everyone with a child of college age to understand. Did you know that dependents must be full-time college students the semester before their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday to remain eligible for medical coverage? Many dependents work while in college and may not be aware there are a minimum number of college hours required to stay eligible in the Air Force medical system. Also, once a dependent turns 21, their military ID card expires and certain criteria must be met before a new card is issued. Understanding all the rules is essential if the system will work for you. In our case, our prayers were answered and everything worked out, both medically and financially. But we immediately saw how easily it could have been otherwise if the requirements were not followed and understood. I hope no one has first-hand knowledge of a medical disaster in your family like we did in the Burley family. The one thing you can do to prepare for a medical emergency is to never take your benefits for granted. Understand the rules. Then with simple precautions, you can ensure that the Air Force family takes care of its own. It sure took care of us.





COMMUNITY CALENDAR

18 MON

A financial planning seminar for retirement, college or a second career will be held at the family support center at 11 a.m., Monday. People can learn what they need to know to make decisions about their financial future by learning the fundamentals of planning principles and how to create a plan. Call Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491 for registration.

**Junkyard Wars** is looking for teams of three mechanically inclined people to participate in next season's show. People can apply on-line at [www.junkyard-wars.com/appforms.htm](http://www.junkyard-wars.com/appforms.htm). The deadline for submissions is Monday. For more information, e-mail [jen.dante@rdfmedia.com](mailto:jen.dante@rdfmedia.com). All active-duty military members must be on leave and have a signed off-duty employment form to participate.

A free, non-credit class in **relaxation exercises and the ancient arts of t'ai chi and chi gung** will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. at the services center. The class will focus on improving balance, flexibility, cardiovascular fitness, stress management, and emotional well being. For more information, call Steve Dunlap at (800) 338-8731 extension 3209.

19 TUE

The **Aerospace Engineering Department at Cal Poly** will offer the following courses this summer to students at Vandenberg. Two summer sessions start Tuesday and July 24. Courses available are: Advanced Aerospace Structural Analysis, Elements of Rocket Propulsion, Individual Study, Design Project and Thesis. Call the base education office at 605-5904 with questions. New students can go to [www.ess.calpoly.edu/admiss/](http://www.ess.calpoly.edu/admiss/) to apply for program admission. Students already accepted into the program can go to [www.power.calpoly.edu](http://www.power.calpoly.edu) to register.

20 WED

An **interviewing and dressing for success workshop** will be held at the family support center Wednesday at 9 a.m. People can learn how to make a good first impression, interviewing behavior tips and career dressing for men and women. Call Roy Caldwell at 606-0039 to register.

A **manage your move workshop** will be held at the family support center Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. People will receive briefings from the housing office, traffic management, accounting and finance, the legal office, personal financial management and Tricare. Call the relocation assistance office at 606-0801 to register.

**Weekly nutrition classes** are held at the health and wellness center Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Topics of discussion include; heart smart for cholesterol control, diabetic meal planning with carbohydrate counting and prenatal child nutrition or nutrition for health. Call 606-2221 for information.

The **Lompoc Flower Festival** begins Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. with opening ceremonies and runs through June 24 at Ryon Park in Lompoc. The festival will feature arts and crafts booths, daily entertainment, food concessions, carnival and rides, vendor displays and special offers. A parade begins at 10 a.m., June 23 at Pine and H Streets, continues on Ocean Avenue, and culminates at Ryon Park. The parade will feature an Air Force Band, the Vandenberg Color Guard, Vandenberg Hot Shots, a Vandenberg Fire truck, Vandenberg Transportation Squadron support, and Vandenberg Security Forces, plus Maj. Gen. William Looney, 14<sup>th</sup> Air Force commander; Col. Robert Worley, 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing commander; and Col. Steve Robinson, 30<sup>th</sup> Support Group commander.

21 THUR

The **Breakers Dining Facility** will serve it's quarterly birthday meal Thursday for authorized patrons whose birthday is in April, May or June. The doors open at 6 p.m. and the meal is served at 6:30 p.m. Call unit first sergeants to sign up. For information, call Deborah Myjak at 606-1219 or Staff Sgt. Dalhia Shelton at 606-3219 or 606-5496.



AT THE MOVIES

**Today: Driven** starring Sylvester Stallone and Burt Reynolds. Rated R.

**Saturday: The Mummy Returns** starring Brendan Fraser and Rachel Weisz. Rated PG-13.

**Sunday: The Forsaken** starring Kerr Smith and Brendan Fehr. Rated R.

All movies start at 7:30 p.m. unless posted otherwise.

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Medical Group change-of-command. The clinic will open the next duty day after each closure. People who need urgent or emergency care should go to the nearest emergency room and call the toll-free number on the back of the TRICARE card for assistance.

VEAT SCHEDULES MEETING MONDAY

The Vandenberg Enlisted Action Team has scheduled a meeting for Monday at 3 p.m. in the garden room at the Pacific Coast Club. For more information, call Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Richard Bugbee at 606-9236.

TOP THREE HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING

The Vandenberg Top Three Association will hold its monthly membership meeting Thursday at noon in the services center. The meeting is open to all master sergeant selects through chief master sergeants who are permanently assigned to Vandenberg. For more information, call Master Sgt. Ty Foster at 606-3595.

Base cops carry torch for Special Olympics

BY STAFF SGT. ANDREW LEONHARD

30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs

Members of the 30<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron participated in the 2001 Southern California Law Enforcement Torch Run here Tuesday.

Known as the Flame of Hope, the torch passed through Vandenberg on its way to the Southern California Summer Games being held today through Sunday at the campus of California State University at Long Beach.

Vandenberg has also supported Special Olympics for 16 years by hosting the area games here. This is the base's fourth year supporting the law enforcement torch run, said Staff Sgt. Derek Greene, 30<sup>th</sup> SFS trainer.

The route through Vandenberg started at the Main Gate with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office runners joining base cops who then ran down California Boulevard to the Minuteman III static display.

Upon arrival there, the significance and history of the torch run was commemorated with a short ceremony. Then county officers passed the torch to the first group of base runners.

"As the local law enforcement agency for Vandenberg, the 30<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron enthusiastically supports the torch run while it's on base," Greene said.

The 30<sup>th</sup> SFS had more than 20 runners supporting the six-mile trek through



SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

**Senior Airman Ana Munoz-Ramos, 30<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron, carries the Flame of Hope through the base Tuesday. She was escorted by fellow cops (L-R) Senior Master Sgt. Lawrence Savidge, Master Sgt. William Lintiaico, Tech. Sgt. Alfonso Valenciano and Capt. Robert Schmoltdt.**

the base.

"The LE torch run is a great opportunity for law enforcement officers and agencies to continue to serve their respective communities," said Staff Sgt. Randy Levander, 30<sup>th</sup> SFS combat arms training instructor, who carried the torch for a second time.

Vandenberg's cops carried the torch to Pine Canyon Road where they passed it to a group of security forces runners from the Federal Corrections Institute and United States Penitentiary.

"Personally, I can't think of a better reason to run than for the Special Olympics athletes," said Senior Master Sgt. Lawrence Savidge, 30<sup>th</sup> SFS manager.

The law enforcement torch run will involve more than 3,500 officers from local, county, state, federal and military agencies. By the end of the run, they will have carried the Special Olympics Torch more than 1,500 miles and through more than 200 communities. The final

law enforcement runner will pass the torch to a Special Olympics athlete, who will use it to light the Olympic flame signifying the beginning of the summer games.

The first law enforcement run torch run was held by Wichita, Kan., police officers in 1981. Their goal was to raise money and awareness for Special Olympics. The run now involves more than 150,000 peace officers worldwide. All proceeds from the run are given to Special Olympics.

Vandenberg's cops also helped Central Coast police officers raise more than \$40,000 for the Southern California Special Olympics through fundraisers such as Tip-A-Cop and Cops and Lobsters dinners.

"In partnership with our communities through raising funds and public awareness, we support Special Olympics programs to enhance the athletes' quality of life of the athletes," Greene said.



SENIOR AIRMAN STEVE SCHESTER

Team Vandenberg Spotlight

**Name:** Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Frank Stooksbury

**Assignment:** 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Group diagnostic imaging technician

**Hometown:** Victorville, Calif.

**Time on Vandenberg:** five months

**Hobbies:** Working with youth, sports, school and working on publishing a novel.

**Supervisor's comments:** "In his short time here, ... (he's) demonstrated initiative and determination," said Dr. (Maj.) Gary Miller, officer in charge of diagnostic imaging. "He casts a positive reflection on the medical group and Team Vandenberg."

CCAF awards 75 associate's degrees

Officials representing the Community College of the Air Force presented diplomas to 75 people during a commencement ceremony held at the Pacific Coast Club May 31.

The graduates completed all requirements for their Associate of Applied Science degrees.

The graduates are:

30<sup>TH</sup> SPACE WING GRADUATES

30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing staff agencies

Staff Sgt. Jennifer Craig  
*Information Systems Technology*

Master Sgt. Frederick Smith  
*Aerospace Historian*

Tech. Sgt. Mark Woodbury  
*Air and Space Operations Technology*

30<sup>th</sup> Operations Group

Staff Sgt. Mark Perkins  
*Air and Space Systems Maintenance*

30<sup>th</sup> Range Squadron

Master Sgt. Richard Butts  
*Information Management*

Staff Sgt. Michael Moffitt  
*Air and Space Operations Technology*

*Avionic Systems Technology*

2<sup>nd</sup> Space Launch Squadron

Master Sgt. Daniel Thoreson  
*Electronic Systems Technology*

30<sup>th</sup> Medical Group

Senior Airman Rachel Gardemal  
*Medical Laboratory Technology*

Senior Airman Leigh Pollard  
*Allied Health Sciences*

30<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Dental Operations Squadron

Senior Airman Daylen Davis  
*Physical Therapy Assistant*

30<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron

Staff Sgt. Jennifer Johnson  
*Information Systems Technology*

Master Sgt. Stephen Lee  
*Audiovisual Production Services*

Master Sgt. June Phillips  
*Personnel Administration*

30<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron

Senior Airman William Session  
*Fire Science*

30<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Rye Bavin  
*Instructor of Technology and Military Science*

Tech. Sgt. Neil Lynn  
*Instructor of Technology and Military Science*

Staff Sgt. Jennifer Martinez  
*Criminal Justice*

30<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Derek Rabey  
*Instructor of Technology and Military Science*

576<sup>th</sup> Flight Test Squadron

Master Sgt. Shawn Cotey  
*Munitions Systems Technology*

Staff Sgt. William Kennedy  
*Missile and Space Systems Maintenance*

Staff Sgt. James Bonner

*Missile and Space Systems Maintenance*

Senior Airman Dustin Funkhouser

*Munitions Systems Technology*

Master Sgt. Richard Thiem  
*Education and Training Management*

ASSOCIATE UNIT GRADUATES

14<sup>th</sup> Air Force

Master Sgt. Adam Borin

*Electronic Systems Technology*

Master Sgt. Patricia Kiehne

*Logistics*

Tech. Sgt. Kim Mosley

*Logistics*

614<sup>th</sup> Space Operations Squadron

Staff Sgt. Coy Crowe

*Air and Space Operations Technology*

Tech. Sgt. Lee Lopez

*Aerospace Ground Equipment Technology*

392<sup>nd</sup> Training Squadron

Senior Airman Daniel Canham

*Space Operations Technology*

532<sup>nd</sup> Training Squadron

Staff Sgt. Richard B. Duncan

*Missile Maintenance Technology*

Staff Sgt. Luke Ford

*Mechanical and Electrical Technology*

Staff Sgt. Jack Martin

*Missile Maintenance Technology*

Staff Sgt. Jeremy Scaff

*Mechanical and Electrical Technology*

Staff Sgt. Michelle Stephens

*Electronic Systems Technology*

Staff Sgt. Kevin Tadder

*Instructor of Technology and Military Science*

533<sup>rd</sup> Training Squadron

Staff Sgt. Brett Barkman

*Airway Science*

Tech. Sgt. Robert Bekowitz

*Space Operations Technology*

Staff Sgt. Brett Fincher

*Space Operations Technology*

Tech. Sgt. William Lacrosse

*Space Operations Technology*

Staff Sgt. Stephen McCrory

*Communications Applications Technology*

Tech. Sgt. Ted Waller

*Space Operations Technology*

Tech. Sgt. Todd Young

*Air and Space Operations Technology*

534<sup>th</sup> Training Squadron

Staff Sgt. Andrew Barlow

*Space Operations Technology*

Senior Airman Winston Burleigh

*Instructor of Technology and Military Science*

Staff Sgt. Martin Como

*Space Operations Technology*

Staff Sgt. Jason England

*Aircraft Armament Systems Technology*

Staff Sgt. True Hudson

*Air and Space Operations Technology*

Staff Sgt. Rolan F. Jones

*Air and Space Operations Technology*

Senior Airman Glendon Kirkham

*Instructor of Technology and Military Science*

Staff Sgt. Clayton Long

*Air and Space Operations Technology*

Staff Sgt. Michael Myers

*Space Operations Technology*

Staff Sgt. Andrew Sager

*Space Operations Technology*

Air Force Office of Special Investigations, Detachment 804

Master Sgt. Christopher Cannon

*Criminal Justice*

OTHER GRADUATES

544<sup>th</sup> Inspector General, Det. 7

Senior Airman John Sherman

*Communications Applications Technology*

345<sup>th</sup> Training Squadron, Det. 1

Tech. Sgt. Robert Clickner

*Instructor of Technology and Military Science*

Staff Sgt. Terran Jones

*Vehicle Maintenance*

Staff Sgt. Pamela Lawson

*Vehicle Maintenance*

Staff Sgt. Russel Tuttle

*Vehicle Maintenance*

369<sup>th</sup> Recruiting Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Troy Jensen

*Personnel Administration*

Air Force Reserve

Tech. Sgt. Mary Estep

*Allied Health Sciences*

Master Sgt. Juan Marin

*Mechanical and Electrical Technology*

Reassigned

Staff Sgt. Thomas Allen III

*Munitions Systems Technology*

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Hardin

*Criminal Justice*

Master Sgt. Mervin Medina

*Electronic Systems Technology*

Retired

Master Sgt. Paulette Coleman

*Education and Training Management*

Staff Sgt. Ron Halverson

*Criminal Justice*

Master Sgt. Curry Parham

*Missile and Space Systems Maintenance*

Separated

Senior Airman Leonard Devera

*Criminal Justice*

Staff Sgt. Rick Miles

*Mechanical and Electrical Technology*

Staff Sgt. Tommy Phillips

*Biomedical Equipment Technology*

Staff Sgt. Carl Revell

*Logistics*

Staff Sgt. James Willeford

*Missile Maintenance Technology*

Senior Airman Ross Vedder

*Communications Applications Technology*



# Enlisted heritage helps officers excel

By 2<sup>ND</sup> LT. MIKE TKACZ  
30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs  
Transition Student

Prior-enlisted officers are usually pretty easy to pick out of a line up. Some are older than their counterparts. Others may wear ribbons and decorations from a sister service.

While they’ve traded in their stripes for bars, each honors his heritage by having a been-there-done-that appreciation for the enlisted force he leads.

With 27 years of service under his belt, Lt. Col. David Cannon, 30<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron commander, is a role model for prior-enlisted officers. He spent four years on active duty in the Navy before he separated in 1976 as a petty officer second class.

After he left the Navy, Cannon went to college and majored in radio and television. Family was his driving factor for Air Force service.

“Originally, I looked into re-joining the Navy, but I didn’t want the long separations that sea-going service required,” he said. In January 1980, he

entered the Air Force with a guaranteed job in public affairs.

“When I went to Officer Training School, I knew the military,” he said. “I understood the (culture) and the purpose and where we fit into the overall scheme from a national level.”

He said the biggest benefit for him was realizing that he didn’t know everything he needed to.

“I knew I had to rely on the noncommissioned officer corps and our DoD civilians if I were to succeed,” Cannon said. “My job was to help them succeed and that, in turn, would help me.”

A few months ago, Staff Sgt. Brian Fielden was a missile maintenance instructor for the 532<sup>nd</sup> Training Squadron. He entered OTS to



SENIOR AIRMAN JEANNETTE COPELAND

**Lt. Col. David Cannon, 30<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron commander, talks with Heather Barry, youth center employee, about the ATWIND program. Cannon served four years in the Navy as an enlisted sailor.**

change his perspective. Now a second lieutenant, he’s back at Vandenberg as a space and missile student in the 392<sup>nd</sup> Training Squadron.

“I believe that one of the greatest benefits to being prior enlisted is that I have first-hand experience along with a deep-rooted understanding of the workings within the enlisted side of the house,” Fielden said.

When he decided to make the Air Force a career, Fielden

pursued his commission with fervor.

“I worked long hours in the field, then spent time each day in school,” he said. His dedication paid off and now he’s looking forward to having a greater impact on the mission as an officer.

Entering the Air Force as an Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class with a bachelor’s degree, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Alan Acevedo climbed the enlisted ladder to staff sergeant in less than four years before gaining his commission in August 2000.

“I liked the challenge of having higher responsibilities,” Acevedo said. “This caught the attention of my immediate supervisors and helped me gain their support for acceptance into my commissioning source.”

He doesn’t believe being prior enlisted makes him a

better officer, but it gives him an additional insight into the mechanics of how the enlisted side operates.


At the core of a prior enlisted officer’s commissioning is a goal.

“Set your goals, apply yourself, and take advantage of whatever opportunities that are available within and outside the workplace,” Acevedo said. “It is important to be active in the process and to be persistent in not giving up.”

Cannon offered simple advice to enlisted members who may want to wear bars.

“If you’re serious about becoming an officer, seek the counsel of those who’ve done what you’re thinking about doing,” he said. “Once you’ve made becoming an officer your goal, do what it takes to get there.”

Recognizing the integral role officers and enlisted members have on each other’s careers, Cannon added, “The Air Force needs great officers to take us forward. But remember, behind every great officer there are hundreds of enlisted people who get the job done.”



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# S<sub>30th</sub> Services



# NEWS



Sponsored by the Services Center and Youth Center

**SATURDAY  
NOON TO 3PM**

At the Parade Grounds

**FREE TO EVERYONE!**

What holds a child's attention longer than anything else? Watching trucks! Stop by and touch a fire truck, 60K aircraft loader, missile maintenance truck and many more. Parents don't forget the camera!



**ATWIND EVENT!**

Event could be cancelled in case of bad weather conditions.  
Questions? Contact the Services Center, 606-7976.

Pacific Coast Club

## Father's Day BRUNCH

Featuring  
our  
outstanding  
Brunch Menu!

**Sunday**

Seating at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Members **\$14<sup>95</sup>** Eligible Non-members **\$17<sup>95</sup>**

Children 4 to 12 are 75¢ per year. Under 4 years are FREE

Fathers may enter a drawing for a...



**FREE  
BBQ GAS GRILL!**  
Please use your brunch receipt  
and include your name,  
your club card number  
and phone number.

Drawing will be held the day after Father's Day.

Please call for  
reservations,  
734-4375

**ATWIND EVENT!**



Located at the  
Services Center

STYLES of MASSAGE  
available:

- **Swedish Massage**
  - **Deep Tissue Massage**
- by appointment

**Father's Day  
Gift Certificates  
are available!**

Call Mary at  
605-4748 or 717-9088

## Youth Sports

**YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION -**

Register at the Youth Center Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through June 29 for players ages 5 to 13.

- 13 & under boys - travel to Orcutt to play.
- 13 & under girls - travel to Orcutt to play.
- 11 & under boys - travel to Orcutt to play.
- 11 & under girls - travel to Orcutt to play.
- 9 years and under coed teams play at VAFB.
- Players' league age is determined by the age of the player by Aug. 1.
- Cost is \$40 or \$35 for Youth Center members.

Call the Youth Center at 606-2152 for more information.

**THIS IS AN ATWIND EVENT!**

## SERVICES CENTER

Get your unlimited-ride wristbands for the **LOMPOC FLOWER FESTIVAL** Wednesday through June 24 at the Services Center. The wristbands are \$15 per person, available until June 20. Call 606-7976 for more information.

## OUTDOOR REC

**HORSEBACK TRAIL RIDE -**

June 30 at 12:30 p.m.. Sign up deadline is June 22. Beginners to experienced riders. Age limit 13 years. Call 606-5908 for more information.

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## FITNESS CENTER

**FRIDAY - 5K-10K Run**

Begins at noon from the Fitness Center

**ATWIND EVENT!**

## GOLF

**FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY**

Marshallia Scramble Tournament - **ATWIND EVENT!**

Friday: Open-play shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. (no carts available)

Saturday & Sunday: Open play starts at 12:30

**TUESDAY & THURSDAY**

Intramural golf, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

## SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

**ENGRAVING SERVICE** is now open for business.

## SWIMMING

**SATURDAY -**

**FAMILY FUN SWIM NIGHT**

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$1 per person, or you may use your Family Swim Pass.

## BOWLING

**SATURDAY - Father's Day Special!** Dads bowl free, all others pay \$1.25 per game. Children must accompany Dad in order for him to bowl free.

**BOWLING CENTER -**

Closed Sundays until Sept. 2.

## ROD & GUN

**SATURDAY - 3-D Archery Shoot**

Registration at 7 a.m. The shoot begins at 9 a.m. Call 606-4560 for more information.

**ATWIND EVENT!**



Play

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at these activities! ➡

## ONGOING EVENTS

**June 1 to Aug. 31**

You can get an ATWIND game piece by participating in a number of base activities.

For a detailed list of these events, go to [www.30svs.com](http://www.30svs.com) and click on the **ATWIND ADVERTISEMENT!!**

**You could win a NEW CAR, VACATION TRIP, CASH and much more! Vandenberg AFB can also win thousands of dollars when you play**

## ATWIND!

For more information, contact services marketing at 606-0276.

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## THIS WEEK'S PLACES TO PLAY:

<b>Friday-Friday-Friday-Friday-Friday-Friday-Sunday</b>	<b>ATWIND Golf Day, all day!</b> Exploring Mutual Funds, Family Support Center, 11 a.m. to noon. Lunch at the Pacific Coast Club, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. 5K/10K Fun Run, Fitness Center, noon Karaoke at the Officers' Lounge, 6 to 10 p.m. Scramble Golf Tournament, Marshallia Ranch (three-day event)
<b>Saturday-Saturday-Saturday-Saturday-</b>	<b>Youth Bowling at the Bowling Center, all day!</b> <b>Youth Golf at Marshallia Ranch, all day!</b> <b>Skills Auto Hobby Shop, all day!</b> Touch-A-Truck at the Parade Grounds, noon to 3 p.m.
<b>Sunday-</b>	Brunch at the Pacific Coast Club, 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
<b>Monday-Monday-</b>	Lunch at the Bowling Center, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Financial Planning, Family Support Center, 11 a.m. to noon.
<b>Tuesday-Tuesday-Tuesday-Tuesday-Tuesday-Tuesday-</b>	Airmen (E-4 and below), Bowling Day, <b>all day!</b> Chaperone Youth Trail Ride, Youth Center, 1 to 3 p.m. VA Home Loan, Family Support Ctr, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Stress Management Class, at the HAWC, 2 to 4 p.m. Family Night, Pacific Coast Club, 6 to 8 p.m. Protestant Adult/Youth Bible Study, Chapel Annex, 7 p.m.
<b>Wednesday-</b>	<b>ATWIND Fitness Day at the Fitness Center, all day!</b> (minimum 30 min. workout)
<b>Wednesday-Wednesday-Wednesday-Wednesday-Wednesday-Wednesday-</b>	Use Your Library Card, Library, <b>all day!</b> Precision Cycling, Services Center, 6 to 6:45 a.m. Interviewing, Dress for Success, Family Support Ctr, 9 to 11:30 a.m. Lunch at the Golf Course, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Water Aerobics, Base Pool, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Menu Planning Board, Breakers Dining Facility, 1 p.m. Manage Your Move, Family Support Center, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday-Thursday-Thursday-</b>	<b>ATWIND Bowl Day at the Bowling Center, all day!</b> <b>Skills - Arts &amp; Crafts, all day!</b> Birthday Meal at the Breakers Dining Facility, 6 p.m.

**June 22- June 22- June 22- June 22-**  
**ATWIND Golf Day, all day!**  
IRA, Family Support Center, 11 a.m. to noon.  
Lunch at the Pacific Coast Club, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Karaoke in the Hawk's Nest, 8 p.m. to 12 a.m.

**Play ATWIND by logging onto [atwind.com](http://atwind.com) or call 1-888-597-9960.**